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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the due date for filing a Response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, be extended from January 12, 2004 to February 12, 2004.

A check for the extension fee of \$55.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) is enclosed.

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